

# AFS Students on the Scene

## Foreign Students In Local High Schools

They hail from Iceland, Peru, Belgium and Finland. They have been welcomed into Torrance homes and they are spending their first days attending classes on local high school campuses. They are the American Field Service students sponsored by the Torrance AFS chapter, here to live with American families, attend American schools, and learn of the American way of life.

From Iceland comes Bjorn Gunnarsson, who is at home with the Jack Borland family and is attending Torrance High School; Mary Bueno, a student at West High School, comes from Peru and is making her home with the Robert G. Mitchells; Joseph de Bock from Belgium is attending North High School and his American family are the Dale Andersons; Erkki Leikoski, a native of Finland is living with the Robert Rectors and attending South High School.

Bjorn Gunnarsson, whose father is a furniture manufacturer in Iceland has one older brother and two older sisters at home. Here, he is a big brother of Gary Borland 17, and Debbie Borland 13. Bjorn speaks English, Danish and German and has traveled in Switzerland, Italy, France and Denmark. His main interest is flying and he would like to be a pilot or technical engineer.

Mary Bueno, daughter of a teacher, has five brothers in her Peru home. She speaks Spanish fluently and enjoys swimming, tennis, ping pong, dancing and also worked on her school newspaper and magazines. In her American home, she has three sisters, Kristen, Candis and Kimberly Mitchell.

Radio or telegraph in the Belgian Navy is the high aspiration of Joseph de Bock, whose father is a policeman in Belgium. At home, Joseph has a younger brother and sister. Here he has an American brother and sister, Steve and Susan Anderson. The student from Belgium speaks French, German and English and was a Scout for nine years.

Erkki Leikoski's father is also a policeman in Finland. His American family consists of a brother and sister, Robin and Bruce Rector. Erkki speaks English, Swedish, German and French and is interested in psychology and social studies as well as sports.

The foreign students have been entertained at a beach party at Playa del Rey and attended an AFS orientation meeting. They were welcomed by the community at a potluck dinner at North High School on Sept. 18. The dinner meeting gave the students the opportunity to meet local people and to display items they had brought from their native countries.

AFS will be interviewing and screening applicants for the Americans Abroad program, beginning next week. Applications are available in the student office of each Torrance high school.

Candidates must be at least 16 years old by June 30, 1968, a Junior at the time of application and a United States citizen in excellent health. Two years of a foreign language in high school is required, as well as a strong academic background.

Applicants, who meet the basic requirements, will be interviewed by a local committee at each school and semi-finalists will be selected. Further home interviews are conducted, and two applications are sent from each school to New York headquarters of AFS for further evaluating. Screening dates are Oct. 3 at West High; Oct. 9 at Torrance High; and Oct. 11 at South High.



NEW OFFICERS GEAR FOR YEAR

New officers of the Nativity Altar Society presided at the first meeting of the year on Sept. 19 in the parish annex. Taking a look at the record book are, from left, Mmes. James Neary, president, Raymond Montenegro, vice-president; W. Camp, treasurer; and Joseph Comore, secretary. Rev. Ross, pastor, was guest speaker. Plans were made for a rummage sale, Nov. 3 and 4 with Mrs. Rudi Oretaga, chairman. Next regular meeting is Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. (Press-Herald Photo)

## From Foreign Shores

Students from faraway places attending high school here and making their homes with local families, under the American Field Service program, are pictured at top, from left, Erkki Leikoski, Finland, at South High; Joseph de Bock, Belgium, North High; Bjorn Gunnarsson, Iceland, Torrance High; and Mary Luz Bueno, Peru, West High. At the right is Robin Newcomer, just home from Catanzara, Italy where she spent the summer under the Americans Abroad program. Reminiscing as she looks at a souvenir she brought from Italy, Robin will speak at the AFS potluck to be held at West High on Oct. 9. All candidates and parents are invited to attend.



(Press-Herald Photos)

## Gun Control Laws Topic For GOP Women's Meet

"Gun Control Laws" will be the topic discussed by Mayor Morris A. Hooper of Lawndale, at the 10 a.m. coffee meeting of the 17th C. D. Federated Republic Women on Wednesday Oct. 4 at the Torrance YMCA Chapel Room. The speaker will be presented by Mrs. Joseph Sauder, program chairman.

Mrs. George B. Surber, president, will conduct the business meeting at which officers will give their reports.

Election of new officers will be held. The nominating committee, Mrs. Sauder, chairman, will announce the slate of new officers. On the committee were Mmes. Michael Grogan, William Hopper, William Hunter and Stanley Sharpe.

All women of the area are invited to attend. Application for membership may be made with Mrs. Robert Prokop, membership chairman.

## Star Will Entertain

### Club Will Open Year

A star of the "New Christy Minstrels" and the "Roger Wagner Chorale," Clarence Treat, will present American folk songs and music as the opening program for the Torrance Woman's Club, Wednesday, Oct. 4, 12:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Treat has sung folk songs since the age of five, and has performed on radio, television and the stage. A graduate of Occidental College in 1963, he was prominent in track and football at college and was a member of the Occidental Glee Club and Occidental Men's Quartette.

A catered luncheon and business meeting with Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, president, in charge will precede the program. The club will welcome into membership two graduating Junior Woman's Club members, Mrs. Gordon Gmur and Mrs. Richard B. Rankin Jr. Mrs. Gmur will be this year's education, children and youth chairman while Mrs. Rankin will be the registrar.



CLARENCE TREAT  
... Guest Artist

## M. L. Coffees Celebrate Silver Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. Merle L. Coffee, 3318 Antonio St., Torrance, were honored at a surprise reception at their home celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Arrangements for the silver wedding reception were made by the couple's two daughters, Misses Sandra and Sharon Coffee.

South Bay residents for 25 years, the couple was married Sept. 13, 1942.

Mr. Coffee has been employed by Hughes Tool Company for the past 22 years. He is an active past master of the Redondo Masonic Lodge 328.

Working as a deputy clerk for the Los Angeles County Marshal's Office, Mrs. Coffee is active in several organizations. She is past president of the Redondo Beach

ident of the Redondo Beach Dianas and presently active in Legal Secretaries of the South Bay area and is Southern District Director for the Los Angeles Marshal's Association.

Both the Coffees' daughters attend college. Majoring in math, Sandra is a senior at the University of Colorado at Boulder where she is affiliated with the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Sharon is a sophomore at California State College at Long Beach, majoring in physical therapy.

In the near future, Mr. and Mrs. Coffee will cap their silver anniversary with a trip to the Caribbean, leaving Oct. 13, accompanied by the Frank Mainey's of Redondo Beach.



TEEN ANGEL

Palos Verdes teenager, Nancy Cunningham, right, has contributed many hours this summer as volunteer at Orthopaedic Hospital, Los Angeles. Duties include helping care for flowers in patients' rooms, which breaks ice and conversation cheers youngsters and adults. Here, she helps Sylvia Pozo rearrange flowers. Nancy, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cunningham, 28587 Blythewood Drive, is senior at Palos Verdes High School and member of Las Ninas, junior group for Las Madrecitas, auxiliary of Crippled Children's Guild.